Subject No. 103.

Additional storage of water by temporary turf bunds.

Summary of discussion.—A circular has been issued to the effect that additional water may be stored by putting up in November temporary turf bunds on the waste weirs of tanks and anikats brought up to standard of safety. The restriction that the bunds should be constructed in November should be removed and the raiyats permitted to put up turf bunds when the Kodi is discharging. By November, rains will have ceased and no storage can be effected.

Dewan's reply.—The rule should be that these turf bunds shall be put up at the end of the rainy reason. The last rainy month should be fixed separately for each Taluk.

Subject No. 104.

Pay of temple Archaks.

Summary of discussion.—Archaks (worshippers) and other temple servants are now ill-paid, their salaries having been fixed very many years ago. Their pay should not be less than Rs. 5 in any case.

Dewan's reply.—Impracticable at present.

Subject No. 105.

District jungles for Tarikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(A) Hebbe and Muttodi Forests are assigned for timber required for houses, cattle sheds, &c., on payment of favorable seigniorage by raiyats. The raiyats of Tarikere are put to great hardship by this arrangement as these forests are 40 miles away and are not connected by road. Licenses should be granted to cut timber in the forests of this Taluk itself. Several convenient forests which were District Forests about 10 years ago have since been either added to State Forests or have been converted into Fuel Reserves or given out for coffee cultivation, so that there are no convenient District Forests in the Taluk. It is therefore requested that the forests of Biranahalli, Haruvanahalli and Kundur, which were two or three years ago Amrut Mahal jungles and are now included in the State Forests, may be set apart as District Forests.

The Dewan observed that the raiyats concerned can have the *mamul* jungles assigned to them. But if they abuse their privileges and denude these forests they cannot have others.

The R. M. represented that the *mamul* jungles used to be worked by raiyats of more than one Taluk and were thus denuded. If they had been assigned to one Taluk only they should have been better taken care of.

Dewan's reply.—A small tract shall be assigned for the Tarikere Taluk only, and the raiyats of that Taluk should make a judicious use of it.

Summary of discussion.—(B) The raiyats are prohibited from cutting timber required for agricultural implements in the forests attached to other villages. There are about 200 villages which have no forests attached to them. The raiyats in the latter villages are put to great inconvenience on this account. District Forests of Sasivehalli, Hadikere and Haruvanahalli, Biranahalli, &c., should be assigned for this purpose.

The Deputy Commissioner remarked that the forests named could not be assigned as proposed because they